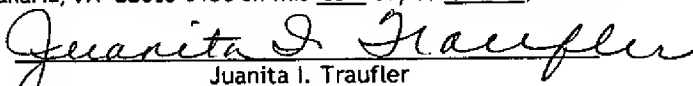


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This Amendment and Response is submitted in response to the Office action dated December 19, 2008, together with a request for a three-month extension of time to extend the time for response to on or before June 19, 2009. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows. Amendments to the claims are requested as set forth below in the section entitled "Amendments to the Claims". Remarks relating to such amendments and responsive to the aforementioned Office action follow thereafter in the section entitled "Remarks".